GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF UREA IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the shortage of Urea and other fertilizers in various parts of the country, especially in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the percentage of shortage registered during the last two years;

(c) the quantum of urea produced in the country during the said period;

(d) whether the Government propose to import urea during the next financial year to supplement the demand;

(e) if so, the quantum of urea likely to be imported;

(f) whether any agreement has been signed in this regard; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): Urea is the only fertiliser under statutory price, movement and distribution control of the Government of India. The availability of urea and other major fertilisers namely, Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Muriate of Potash (MOP) has been satisfactory in the country including Karnataka during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c): The quantum of urea produced in the country during 1999-2000 & 2000-01 is as below:-

Year	Production of urea (LMT)
1999-2000	198.30
2000-2001 (Upto Ferburary,2001)	184.70

(d): At present, there is no proposal to import urea on Government account during the next financial year 2001-2002.

(e) to (g): Questions do not arise.